

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠Baptism: Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is **Carter David Crain**, son of *Derrick & Kimberly Crain*. Sponsors/Witnesses are Ryan & Kristi Brugge and Cody & Jessica Enger. We pray God's blessings on *Carter* as he becomes a new creation in God's Kingdom.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Third Sunday of Easter*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)
Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Church Conference)

Wednesday: LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m. -Cherub Choir sings
Sunday Morning Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
Divorce Care 1:00 p.m.
Grief Share 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. William L. Morris*
Liturgist: *Rev. Martin J. Hagenow*
Organist: *Mr. Brian J. Heinlein*
Choir: *Seraphim*
Acolytes: *Hanford Topham (5:00pm)*
Aiden Grunow (9:30am)
Videographer: *Landon Sherry*

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“It’s Always Going to Be This Way”

April 13 & 14, 2024

† Third Sunday of Easter †

Introit *Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**

**O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.**

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;*
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Collect of the Day

P O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading *Acts 3:11-21*

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again,

that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle *1 John 3:1-7*

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:36-49*

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 1

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FIRST READING

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE: p. 156

HOLY GOSPEL

C Glory to You, O Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED: p. 158 (Saturday)

HYMN: #483

SERMON

Text: Luke 24:36-49

Theme: "It's Always Going to Be
This Way"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

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